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REGION IX

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Mr. Ivan Makil, President
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Dear Mr. Makil

Thank you for the invitation to meet with your staff and visit the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's (SRPMIC) new landfill. The purpose of this letter is to clarify the issues we discussed during our meeting on September 20, 1993.

As we discussed with your staff, the U.S. EPA has issued new regulations (40 CFR Part 258) governing municipal solid waste landfills that will take effect on October 9, 1993. Our visit to the new landfill was not an inspection of the facility. Further, our visit was not an assessment of the facility's compliance with the revised federal municipal solid waste landfill criteria.

The SRPMIC must comply with all requirements of the federal program and document compliance in the facilities operating record. The SRPMIC is not required to submit plans to the U.S. EPA or obtain a permit from the U.S. EPA prior to the operation of the new landfill. As we discussed during the meeting, if the SRPMIC requests our assistance we may be able to review facility design and/or operational plans. If you are interested in the U.S. EPA conducting any type of formal review of the facility, we would need you to make a formal request in writing to our Regional Administrator.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to visit your facility and meet with your staff. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 415/744-2091 or have your staff contact Jim Vreeland at 415/744-2096.

Sincerely,

Jeff Scott, Chief
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